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Committee for Coordination of Investigations
of the Lower Mekong Basin
(Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Republic of Viet-Nam)

PLAN OF OPERATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR A PILOT TRAINING PROGRAMME

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present Administrative Arrangement sets forth a Plan of Operation for the pilot training programme to be conducted by the expert provided by the Government of the Netherlands in cooperation with the Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Republic of Viet-Nam).

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

2. The purpose of the project is to establish a National Cambodian Pilot Service and complete the training of Cambodian pilots to assist seagoing vessels plying on the Mekong River between Cambodia - South Viet-Nam border and Phnom Penh harbour, also to some ports upstreams of Phnom Penh.

Pilot training courses were initiated three years ago by the Phnom Penh Port authorities. Theoretical training has been given by Cambodian officials with the assistance of a French expert to thirteen pilot trainees, and practical training on seagoing vessels is now being planned.

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III. SCOPE OF WORK

3. The training programme to be conducted under this Plan of Operations covers the following scope of work.

(a) Extend theoretical training of the candidate-pilots by lectures and technical courses.

(b) Accompany and give technical advice to the candidate-pilots during their practical training on seagoing vessels.

(c) Consult with the Phnom Penh Port authorities and Mekong Hydrographic and Navigation Services on the various fields of activities in connection with harbour, roads, and Pilot services and in particular, make recommendations on the following subjects:

(1) International rules, regulations and customs in pilot services and their possible adaptation to Cambodian administration

(2) International rules, regulations and customs in harbour management and their possible adaptation to Cambodian administration.

IV. PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES

4. The Expert on pilot training shall be entitled to the following privileges and immunities:

(a) Immunity from legal process in respect of all acts performed by him in the execution of the Project;

(b) Immunity from national service obligations;

(c) Immunity from immigration restrictions;

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(d) The privilege of bringing into the country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purpose of the Project or for personal use of the expert, and of withdrawing any such amounts brought into the country or, in accordance with the relevant foreign exchange regulations, such amounts as may be earned therein by the expert in the execution of the Project;

(e) The same repatriation facilities in the event of international crisis as diplomatic envoys; and

(f) Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the Project.

5. The Government shall either exempt or bear the cost of any taxes, duties, fees or levies which may be imposed by it on the expert in respect of:

(a) The salaries, wages or allowances earned by the expert in the execution of the Project;

(b) Any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the country in connection with the Project or which, after having been brought into the country, may be subsequently withdrawn therefrom; and

(c) Any property brought, including one privately owned automobile if imported within six months after the expert's first arrival to take up post for personal use or consumption or which, after having been brought into the country, may subsequently be withdrawn therefrom upon his departure. If despite this paragraph import duties are collected, then the Government making the collection shall make an equivalent cash payment to the expert.

6. The privileges and immunities (except for the immunity in paragraph 4 (b) to which the expert is entitled may be waived by the Government of the Netherlands, where, in its opinion, such privileges and immunities would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the successful completion of the Project or to the interest of the Expert.

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7. The Government of Cambodia shall provide the following:

(a) One counterpart officer primarily for liaison purpose;
(b) Adequate office space, office equipment and didactic equipment and stationery for secretarial work and lectures;
(c) Secretarial assistance;
(d) Adequate means of transportation by road or river for the execution of his duties.

V. COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

8. The period required for the completion of the training programme project is estimated at one year or two from the commencement of the work. Further extension of the services of the Expert may be agreed upon by mutual consent of the Government of the Netherlands and the Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin.

VI. SIGNATURE

9. In witness whereof the undersigned, upon the instruction of the competent authorities of their respective Governments, have signed the

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present administrative arrangement.

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) Hok Peng Heang
For the Government of Cambodia

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) Phouangkeoh Phanareth
For the Government of Laos

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) G.J. Dissevelt
For the Government of the Netherlands

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) Boonrod Binson
For the Government of Thailand

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) Trinh-Ngoc-Sanh
For the Government of Viet-Nam

Date: 23 September 1964

(Signed) C. Hart Schaaf
Executive Agent
Committee for Coordination of
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